

English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

English Martyrs RC Primary School, Flint Street, London, SE17 1QD,

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To All Parents
English Martyrs Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Farewell to Mrs Hyacinth Appah

Today is a very sad day for our school as we say goodbye to Mrs Hyacinth Appah after 27 years dedicated service to the children who have attended English Martyrs Primary School.

In the time that Mrs Appah has been in our school she has always strived to ensure that the children achieved their best and that passion and drive is as strong today as I was when she first joined our school. We have been blessed to have had Mrs Appah as our Head I wish her a very happy retirement especially after the challenging year that we have had, not just in terms of living through the pandemic but also the threat to our school with us potentially merging with St Georges'. I am pleased to say that English Martyrs is secure and will remain open as our school in Walworth. This is the retirement present that Mrs Appah wanted and I am delighted for all concerned that our school will continue to deliver good quality education to our children.

Clearly because of the pandemic we have not been able to celebrate and mark Mrs Appah's tremendous contribution to Catholic education. The Governors are determined that we will do so and we hope to invite Mrs Appah back in June/July once all the restrictions have been lifted to thank Mrs Appah for what she has achieved for our school.

Also, my heartfelt thanks to all the staff who have been superb throughout the pandemic and have also had to live with uncertainty whilst continuing to teach.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Appah for her dedication, commitment and generosity in all that she has done for our school. She will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Governing Body, thank you for all your support to the school.

Yours Sincerely

Patrick Gillespie Chair of Governors Cc Governing Body